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Former San Jose Medical Center Stakeholders Advisory Committee
To whom it may concern:

The Preservation Action Council of San Jose supports the City of San Jose's current policy of not issuing demolition permits without an approved replacement project in place. No project has been proposed or approved for the San Jose Medical Center site, and therefore the sequence of public comment hearings seems out of sequence with adopted City policy.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for this site has yet to be made public. It should include a detailed and comprehensive history and assessment of all cultural resources on site including its structures. This document will be reviewed by the public, staff and elected officials in order to make a thoughtful decision as to the future *disposition of existing structures*. *Until this document is certified, no demolition permit can be issued.* Under California environmental law, buildings found to be historically significant on this site cannot be demolished if feasible alternatives to their re-use are found to exist.

PAC*SJ understands the desire of the community to eliminate any potential for crime at this unused site, and the property owner's desires regarding the marketing of the property for sale. However, due process must be followed or potential legal issues could further delay the future re-use of this site.

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